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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD "PRG"

REF: A) STOCKHOLM 3380; B) SAIGON 10270

1. NGUYEN HOAN, ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, CALLED IN ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION AUGUST 9 TO REQUEST FURTHER USG ASSISTANCE IN BLOCKING "PRG" INROADS IN SCANDINAVIA.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HOAN STATED THAT GVN INFORMATION REP IN STOCKHOLM TRAN NHA HAS REPORTED THAT SWEDISH MP BIRGITTA DAHL IS URGING SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT "PRG" TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT MISSION IN STOCKHOLM AND THAT PROPOSAL IS UNDER STUDY BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. NHA FURTHER
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REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WILL

MEET IN COPENHAGEN AUGUST 23 AND THAT QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING
PERMANENT "PRG" MISSION WILL BE RAISED BY SWEDEN.

3. HOAN SAID GVN REQUESTS USG ASSISTANCE TO BLOCK DAHL INITIATIVE
AND TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF "PRG" PERMANENT MISSIONS IN SWEDEN
OR OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: ASSUMING ABOVE INFORMATION ACCURATE, WE WOULD HOPE
THAT SCANDINAVIAN EMBASSIES COULD DISCUSS "PRG" QUESTION AT
APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN FOREIGN MINISTRIES, DRAWING ON POINTS
SUGGESTED IN REF B, AND THAT POSSIBLY UNFORTUNATE SWEDISH MOVEMENT
TOWARD "PRG" NOTED IN REF A AND PREVIOUS REPORTS CAN BE
MODERATED BY VIEWS OF HER NEIGHBORS. (SAIGON 9157 AND 9835 ARE
BEING REPEATED TO SCANDINAVIAN ADDRESSEES WHO DO NOT YET HAVE
THEM.)
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